



# Harvard Square Construction Summary

April 2021

## Construction Projects 2021

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### A. OOT News Kiosk

- More information can be found here at [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/projects/parks/hsquarepublicspace](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/projects/parks/hsquarepublicspace)
- Contractor: WES Construction
- Project Engineer: Lou Mothon, Public Works / [lmothon@cambridgema.gov](mailto:lmothon@cambridgema.gov)
- Contact: Melissa Miguel, Public Works, 617.349.9351/ [mmiguel@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmiguel@cambridgema.gov)

### B. OOT News Plaza

- Plaza will now be a separately bid contract
- Anticipated bid date late summer/early fall 2021
- Contact: Melissa Miguel, Public Works, 617.349.9351/ [mmiguel@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmiguel@cambridgema.gov)

### C. MBTA Bus Tunnel Repair – Project resumed normal service in December 2020 – **NO CHANGE**

- Tunnel drainage replacements, tunnel ceiling rehabilitation & catenary system replacement have been completed.
- Due to the excessive amount of concrete repairs and additional work required for the duct bank re-location, the concrete overlay work was not completed and deferred until June 2021.
- Lower busway will be closed for two months for work, and upper busway will remain open for bus operations.
- Summer busway closure to begin on June 20, 2021 and end August 28, 2021
- Limits of work: Mass Ave intersection at the north portal to the crosswalk at Mt. Auburn St at the south portal.
- Impacts to passengers on the 71/73 who will need to walk from Mt. Auburn to the Brattle St entrance and passengers alighting at Brattle St
- During the tunnel closure diesel buses will load in the open tunnel and alight at a temporary bus stop located on Brattle St. The trackless trolley's (71/73) will not enter the tunnel during the closure and will alight on Mt. Auburn by Bennett Alley, and load on Mt. Auburn by Story St.
- Contact: Lonny Fidalgo, MBTA / [lfidalgo@mbta.com](mailto:lfidalgo@mbta.com)

### D. 1-23 JFK Street

- The sidewalks are complete on the Brattle St. side and the sidewalk restoration on JFK will begin soon. Paving will commence upon sidewalk completion, approximately July 2021.
- **Contractor: Shawmut Design and Construction Contact: Richard DeAguila 617.756.5313**

### E. 10 Church Street – **NO CHANGE**

- Demolition of existing building and construction of new commercial building
- There will be multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks along building will be closed for most of the construction duration. Project will also need to occupy a portion of the roadway for construction logistics.
- Expected duration is 24 months
- Project is currently going through permitting, so we don't have a confirmed start date.
- Currently in building permit application phase.
- **No contractor in place at this time. Will add developer project page web address if available.**

#### **F. 57 JFK Street**

- Addition of 2 floors on top of existing buildings-
- Phase I - Internal demolition: complete
- Phase II – Currently in Building Permit Review – Building Permit issued June 20,2020.
- Eversource Electric to provide power from Eliot Street - Preparing the alley off Winthrop Street to receive electric transformer.
- There will be multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks around building will have overhead staging and will be closed for periods of time. Daily material deliveries on Eliot Street and Winthrop Street.
- Project will start in March 2019 with 18-month duration.

#### **G. 16 Eliot Street – NO CHANGE**

- Additional floors proposed

#### **H. Public Shower Facility- 41 Church Street**

- Shower trailers will continue to operate until approximately June 23, 2021. Decommissioning of the shower trailers will be completed by June 30, 2021. The City is working with the First Church Shelter to identify a permanent arrangement for providing shower facilities.
- First Church Contact: Jim Stewart [jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org)
- DPW Contact: Jim Wilcox [jwilcox@cambridgema.gov](mailto:jwilcox@cambridgema.gov)

#### **I. 83 Brattle Street West Façade Repair**

- Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute property located at 83 Brattle Street is undergoing masonry repairs on the west side of the building.
- The scope of the project includes several weeks of masonry cutting and repointing, as well as some stone repair and replacement. Site cleanup and restoration is scheduled at the end of June 2021.
- The project mobilized on April 26, 2021, and is scheduled for completion in June 2021.
- The project work hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Contractor: Constructing Specialists Inc.
- Contact: Ann Davis, CSL Consulting/[adavis@csl-consulting.com](mailto:adavis@csl-consulting.com)

#### **J. 32-42 Church Street (former Border Café)**

- Harvard University has engaged a contractor to replace the roof, HVAC system, and electrical switchgear, and perform some additional utility work at 32-42 Church Street, the building formerly occupied by the Border Café. The contract also calls for some demolition work on the basement and ground levels.
- The contractor is scheduled to begin work on Monday, June 7, 2021.
- Work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the project expected to take approximately twelve weeks.
- The work will be taking place both inside the building and on the roof. To access the roof, the contractor will be constructing a 7' x 7' stair tower on the Palmer Street side of the building that will remain in place for the majority of the project. Clear signage will direct pedestrians safely around the staging.
- Contractor: Vantage Builders
- Contact: Ann Davis, CSL Consulting/[adavis@csl-consulting.com](mailto:adavis@csl-consulting.com)

Please contact Kate Riley Community Relations Manager, if you would like to receive updates related to Harvard Square construction projects: [kriley@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kriley@cambridgema.gov) and visit [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks).